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SUBJECT: FAHMY-GROMYKO MEETING

REF (A) MOSCOW 7919 (B) CAIRO 9321 (NOTAL) AND PREVIOUS

1. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE CONFIRMED REPORT CONTAINED REF A THAT
FAHMY-GROMYKO MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW JUNE 9-10.
STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED OFFICIALLY BY FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY,
JUNE 6, STATES THAT TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED RESUME CONSULTATIONS
IN ALL FIELDS "IN MOSCOW AND CAIRO ALTERNATELY." ACCORDING TO
OTHER PUBLIC REPORTS, SADAT SAID SAME TO GATHERING OF POLITICAL
LEADERS IN ISMAILIA JUNE 5. FAHMY WILL LEAVE FOR MOSCOW JUNE 8.

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2. THERE IS NO CLEAR INDICATION THAT, AS HAS BEEN WIDELY
SPECULATED HERE, MOSCOW MEETING WILL IN FACT BE FOLLOWED
BY SECOND ROUND IN CAIRO. FAHMY KNOWN PERSONALLY TO BE MOST
SKEPTICAL THAT SECOND MEETING LIKELY.

3. GOE COOL TOWARDS IDEA OF MEETING IN MOSCOW AND AGREEMENT,
FINALLY, TO SOVIET INSISTENCE ON THAT VENUE MAY HAVE WELL BEEN

PROMPTED BY HINTS OF MORE RELAXED SOVIET POSITION ON ARMS
AND DEBT RELATIONSHIPS.

4. AS MEETING APPROACHES, HOWEVER, SADAT HAS TAKEN OPPORTUNITY
TO REMIND SOVIETS, AND SOME EGYPTIANS, THAT HOPES FOR RETURN TO
OLD DAYS WOULD BE UNFOUNDED. IN JUNE 5 SPEECH TO SECOND ARMY,
SADAT SET STAGE WITH COMMENT THAT SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH ANY
STATE, US OR USSR, ARE OUT OF THE QUESTION. "THERE WILL BE NO
SPECIAL STATUS...THERE WILL BE NO AGENTS ON THE LAND OF EGYPT.
IT MAKES ME SAD TO SAY THIS...REGRETTABLY, I STILL HAVE IN EGYPT
A GROUP WHICH HAS ALLOWED ITSELF TO BECOME AN AGENT FOR A FOREIGN
STATE." GROUP HAD TRIED TO DAMAGE EGYPT GRIEVOUSLY IN JAN 18-19
RIOTS. "NO, THE OPPORTUNITY IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THEM OR THEIR
MASTERS."

5. THIS OBVIOUS AND TYPICAL REFERENCE TO USSR, WHOSE MOTIVES SADAT
STILL VIEWS WITH UTMOST SUSPICION, SETS TONE FOR EGYPTIAN APPROACH
TO RESUMED CONSULTATIONS. SADAT IS WILLING TO ALLOW SOVIETS TO BE
GENEROUS IN FULFILLING WHAT HE VIEWS AS THEIR OBLIGATIONS, MILITARY
AND ECONOMIC, TO EGYPT, BUT IS IN NO MOOD TO MAKE SERIOUS
CONCESSIONS IN RETURN. ALTHOUGH SADAT RECOGNIZES NEED FOR
COOPERATIVE SOVIET ROLE IN SETTLEMENT PROCESS, ESPECIALLY AT
GENEVA, HE SEEMS TO BELIEVE THAT SOVIET SELF INTEREST IN MIDDLE
EAST WILL OF ITSELF GO FAR TO MELLOWING SOVIETS ON BILATERAL
MATTERS.
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